

Town of Odessa

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009 - 7:00 PM OLD ACADEMY BUILDING

Those present at 7:00 PM:

Mayor Kathy Harvey
Council Member Bob Grove
Council Member Betts Jackson
Council Member Lindsay Rice

Secretary Barbara Roberts

2 community members, Delaware State Police, Transcript

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – all present
- III. Appointment of Vacant Council Seat – Attached hereto as Attachment A

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY BOB GROVE TO APPOINT JOHN FREEMAN TO A SEAT ON COUNCIL FOR A ONE YEAR TERM. MR. FREEMAN ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE AT 7:09 PM AND TOOK HIS SEAT AT THE COUNCIL TABLE.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 4 AYE, 0 NAY

- IV. Delaware State Police Report – Attached hereto as Attachment B
 - a. Lt. Logan presented the Police Report for the month of May noting that Lt. Dan Hall will be the new police representative for Odessa Troop 9.
 - b. Carla Pyle and John Freeman mentioned their concern about speeding within the town and Lt. Logan stated that the speed monitor had been repaired and could be placed on Main Street.
 - c. Mayor Harvey noted that a notice had been posted reminding residents to lock up buildings and sheds and keep outdoor areas well lit.

Action: Remind Lt. Logan about placing the speed monitor on Main Street

Action: Notify school district about excessive speeding by district buses on Town streets.

- V. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting Mayor & Council 5/4/09

MOTION BY BOB GROVE, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE 5/4/09 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYE, 0 NAY

VI. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Women's Club for Christmas in Odessa – attached hereto as Attachment C

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY BOB GROVE TO ALLOW THE WOMENS CLUB OF ODESSA TO SELL TICKETS IN THE OLD ACADEMY FOR CHRISTMAS IN ODESSA

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYE, 0 NAY

VII. Treasurer's Report

- a. Balance Sheet & Profit-Loss Reports –Attached hereto as Attachment D. Mayor Harvey noted that the roster for town taxes had been moved from the Access Data Base to Quick Books.

MOTION BY BOB GROVE, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO APPROVE THE MAY 31ST TREASURERS REPORT, PENDING INTEREST FOR THE MERRILL LYNCH REALITY TRANSFER AND MUNICIPAL STREET AID ACCOUNTS.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYE, 0 NAY

- i. Mayor Harvey noted after an analysis of the reports that some street lights were costing more than others and she meet with Delmarva to review the costs and why one light puts out higher wattage. We have been paying a utility tax for years and Delmarva agreed to go back 3 years and reimburse us for this tax, totaling a \$300.00+ credit.
- ii. Insurance - increased coverage, premium went down \$45.00. The Town cannot be held liable for accidents on residential curbs and sidewalks. Only accidents on Town Hall property are the responsibility of Town insurance.
- b. Financial Institution Report from Bob Grove & Lindsay Rice. Bob and Lindsay researched two companies and determined that the Town might double the interest by transferring the Merrill Lynch Accounts (Real Estate Transfer Funds and the Municipal Street Aid Funds) to an ING or Savings Square CD and/or savings account.

MOTION BY BOB GROVE, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO TRANSER THE MERRILL LYNCH REALTY TRANSFER FUNDS TO AN ING SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYE, 0 NAY

**MOTION BY BOB GROVE, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN TO
TRANFER THE MERRILL LYNCH MUNICIPAL STREET AID TO
AN ING SAVINGS ACCOUNT.**

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYE, 0 NAY

Action: Transfer above funds to ING Savings Accounts

VIII. Appointments

- i. Treasurer - no
- ii. Historic Commission (1) - no
- iii. Tree Commission (1) - no

IX. Commission Reports

- i. Historic- 5/28/09 (2 reviews-HOF: paint, Burton house: paint)
- ii. Planning- 5/21/09
- iii. Trees- 5/19/09

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

- a. Amend 08-09 Budget for parks mulch

**MOTION BY BOB GROVE, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO
AMEND 08-09 BUDGET FOR PARK MULCH IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$4,000.**

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYE, 0 NAY

- i. The Mayor expressed concern about some of the playground equipment and the need to have it inspected. She is also researching whether the equipment needs to be treated every year.

XII. Next Meeting's Date and Time: Date for next meeting set at 7/6/09, 7:00 pm

XIII. Adjournment

- a. The Mayor noted that the agenda for the summer would be light.
- b. Betts asked the status of the annexed property and the Mayor noted the Putnam Group would continue to get final approval for their plan.
- c. We do have a new Town map, but new mylar needs to be ordered to line up the historic district correctly. Bob Grove agreed to scan the map so the Town would have additional copies.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Minutes Submitted: 6/8/2009

Date

Secretary

Approved: _____